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Phi Beta Kappa Meeting.

Monday evening Phi Beta Kappa continued its series of literary meetings at the home of Dr. Edward Fitch. Nearly all of the faculty members were present, while of the undergraduates Day, Scoon and Sprague attended. Dr. Wood read a paper on "Some Current Political Superstitions," containing some ideas not often expressed. This naturally brought forth much discussion. By no means the least enjoyable part of the evening consisted of the refreshments served after the literary exercises. In part Dr. Wood said:

"In the world of government, as in that of religion, superstition plays its part. Present day political life affords several capital illustrations of superstitions, not wholly harmful in the past, but obstacles today in the path of national progress. One of the chief of these is the common idea that in the hands of its present vigorous wielder the executive power in the United States, as compared with the co-ordinate departments, has notably increased. Many say that an increase in power is justified by the great increase of corporate enterprises which must be controlled. But the plain fact is that there has been no increase or assumption of power by the president. The office of president was created by the constitution-makers for strong men. Four only of such men have held it, Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln—all swept upward to power by the rising tide of a people's conscience. Conventionalities were broken. Yes, every one, save Roosevelt, violated the constitution. All the precedents are in favor of a vigorous use of the very extensive powers of the presidential office. The

superstition that he is extending his powers or exceeding them is wholly without foundation.

"The validity of a government with three co-ordinate departments can be seriously questioned and criticised. In England, France and Italy, in every country which has a responsible cabinet, the executive is under the control of the legislature, but under his direction, or that of the cabinet, all legislation is initiated. Our constitution-makers so co-ordinated their powers that an insane judge cannot be removed from the Supreme Court unless he is proven guilty of 'treason, bribery or other high crimes.' In our system are numerous loopholes and its checks and balances have broken down in crises. A state legislature, meeting every two years, is as useless as the vermiform appendix. The remedy lies in simplified relations, devised and applied by a special body of superior men chosen for that purpose."

D. T. Activities.

D. T. again assembled last Saturday at the Shubert, after having dined at the Martin Grill. All this was at the invitation of the D. K. E., Psi U. and D. U. members of this society. After they had arrived at Clinton a final meeting was held by the old dam for the election of successors.

Tap day was Wednesday and during the game the following Freshmen were tapped and enthusiastically congratulated. Robert Burns, leader, D. K. E.; Cross and Glover, Psi U.; Leavenworth and Abbott, D. U.; Swift and Barber, Theta Delta Chi; Engs and Sarles, Chi Psi; Titus and McAneny, Alpha Delta Phi; and J. Judson and Renwick, Sigma Phi.

Freshmen vs. U. F. A.

A track meet will be held today on Steuben Field between the Freshmen and U. F. A. The Freshmen have a good team and should win the meet. There is a good man in nearly every event: Renwick in the two mile; Stube in the mile; Knox in the half-mile; Engs in the quarter; Sherwin in the high jump. The sprinters are somewhat weak, but Harper and Burns should make a good showing. Altho this is not, strictly speaking, a college event, the fellows should turn out and support the Freshmen. If they have the interest to arrange meets with prep. schools, the college ought to do their best in supporting them.

The St. Lawrence Game.

On Wednesday the team played its second college game, and the strong St. Lawrence team was defeated by the score of 7-4. The play was hard fought from the beginning.

The first inning was a blank for both sides, the men going out in one two, three order in the second the scoring began. A hit, an error, a sacrifice and a base on balls did the work, and when the dust had cleared away, St. Lawrence had three runs. In her half of the inning Hamilton tied the score on several errors, a base on balls and a hit. No more scoring was done until the seventh, the intervening innings being as fast baseball as one could care to see. In this inning St. Lawrence got her last score on an error and a passed ball by White. It was then that things looked black. But in the eighth the team took a brace and scored four earned runs on hits by Doherty, White, Brown and Hatfield, a base on balls and a fielder's choice.

The eighth and ninth were blanks for St. Lawrence. It is to be hoped the St. Lawrence men carried away no ill feelings because of the umpiring. Two very raw decisions were rendered during the game to their disadvantage. Hamilton regrets that a more efficient official might have been umpire of the game. We want to see clean, well officiated games played on the campus. Let's have them. The tabulated score follows.

HAMILTON. A. B. R. IB. S. H. PO. A. E.

Smith, l.f.....	5	0	0	1	0	0
Clark, 2b.....	4	0	0	2	3	1
Cody, 1b.....	4	0	0	12	0	2
Doherty, r.f.....	4	2	1	1	0	0
S. Judson, 3b....	3	0	0	3	3	0
White, c.....	3	2	2	5	2	0
J. Judson, s.s....	3	2	1	1	2	0
Hatfield, c.f....	1	1	1	1	0	0
Brown, p.....	3	0	1	0	1	0
Newton, p.....	1	0	0	0	0	1

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ST. LAWRENCE A. B. R. IB. S. H. PO. A. E.

VanDelinder, 1b..	5	0	2	6	0	2
Joyce, 2b.....	4	0	0	1	2	1
O'Brien, c.....	5	0	1	12	0	0
Calder, p.....	4	0	0	0	3	0
McDonald, l.f....	5	2	2	1	0	1
Quackenbush, 2b.	4	1	2	1	0	0
Brainard, ss.....	4	1	1	2	1	0
Chapman, c.f....	3	0	0	0	0	1
Alexander, 3b....	4	0	2	1	1	1

Total..... 38 4 10 24 7 6

Struck out—By Calder 12, by Brown 3, by Newton 2. Base on ball—Off Calder 2, off Newton 1, off Brown 2. Passed ball—White. Left on bases—St. Lawrence 8, Hamilton 6. Time—2:00. Umpire—Malloy.

Syracuse Wins.

Syracuse defeated Hamilton last Saturday afternoon on the Syracuse oval by the score of 18-0. There were about 1000 people present, the great majority being Syracuse sympathizers. The Hamilton nine was in poor form and were outclassed in almost every minute of the game.

Stein, who pitched for Syracuse, was in good form and allowed only two hits to go down against him, also striking out eight men. The Syracuse men were good in batting, Brown having fifteen hits against him. But if the team had backed him up as they have done in other games the hits would

have been fewer. Newton was substituted in the eighth inning.

There was no scoring until the last half of the third inning when Syracuse thru some hits on their part and many errors on Hamilton's, scored seven runs.

Hamilton then took a stand and no runs were credited to Syracuse until the last half of the fifth. By some more hits, two men hit by balls and one base on balls, six more runs were put down against Hamilton.

The sixth inning went without any scoring but in the last half of the seventh five more runs were given to Syracuse.

The score:

SYRACUSE. R. IB. P. O. A. E.

Ryan, ss.....	3	2	5	2	1
Thayer, cf.....	2	3	2	0	0
VanArnam, rf.....	1	2	0	0	0
J. Morrissey, lf....	2	1	0	0	0
Raaflaub, 3b.....	3	2	0	0	0
Sullivan, c.....	1	2	7	1	0
Dollard, c.....	0	0	2	0	0
Vaugh, 1b.....	1	2	8	1	0
Walker, 2b.....	3	1	3	1	0
Stein, p.....	2	0	0	10	0

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HAMILTON. R. IB. P. O. A. E.

Smith, lf.....	0	0	2	0	0
Clark, 2b.....	0	0	2	3	0
Cody, rf.....	0	1	0	0	0
Brown, p & 1b.....	0	0	0	10	0
Sarles, 1b.....	0	0	8	0	2
S. Judson, cf.....	0	0	2	0	0
White, c.....	0	1	9	1	1
J. Judson, 3b....	0	0	0	2	1
McGarry, ss.....	0	0	1	1	4
Newton, p.....	0	0	0	1	0

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Syracuse..... 0 7 0 6 0 5 0 *—18
Hamilton..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 —0

Two-base hits, Ryan, Cody, Raaflaub, Thayer. Struck out, by Stein 8, by Brown 7, by Newton 1. Base on balls, off Stein 1, off Brown 3. Hit by pitched ball, McGarry, Walker, Thayer and Raaflaub. Stolen bases, Thayer, VanArnam, Morrissey, Raaflaub and Sullivan. Sacrifice hits, Sullivan 2. Double play, Vaugh to Ryan.

Time of game, 2 hours 10 minutes. Umpire, Mr. Robertson of Cornell.

Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Straub of Oberlin College, and the leader of the Student Volunteer movement, will speak in Silliman Hall at 4:30 tomorrow afternoon.

The leaders' class of the fraternity Bible Study groups, will be conducted by Prof. Miller.

Rev. J. S. Riggs Preaches.

Last Sunday morning the Rev. James S. Riggs, father of Riggs '08, took charge of the chapel services. Dr. Riggs is a professor of Modern Greek and Biblical Criticism in Auburn Theological Seminary. As his main theme he took the words of Scripture, "Love your enemies," and expounded the meaning of the difficult passage in a scholarly and appealing manner. Dr. Riggs' liberal-mindedness coupled with true insight did not fail to win much favorable comment.

The Hamilton Record.

The May number of the *Record* was sent out last week. It contains a complete program for the Ninety-fifth Commencement. The usual amount of alumni notes are there also. A general roll of alumni from 1824 to 1863 is printed, containing not only the names of graduates but also of those who spent only a part of their undergraduate days on the Hill. It is expected that thru the succeeding numbers of the *Record* the later classes will be presented, and ultimately a complete catalog will be published.

Batting Averages.

The batting averages for the two "H" games thus far are as follows.:

White.....	500
Doherty (1 game).....	250
Hatfield (1 game).....	250
J. Judson.....	200
Brown.....	142
Cody.....	125
Clark.....	000
Smith.....	000
Newton.....	000
McGarry (1 game).....	000
S. Judson.....	000
Sarles (1 game).....	000

Baseball Schedule for 1907.

The season's schedule follows:

- April 20—Hamilton 16, U. F. A. 1, at Clinton.
24—Hamilton 8, Auburn Theological Sem. 1, at Clinton.
27—Hamilton 0, Syracuse 18, at Syracuse.
May 1—Hamilton 7, St. Lawrence 4, at Clinton.
8—Hobart at Clinton.
9—Colgate at Hamilton.
11—Union at Schenectady.
16—Middlebury at Clinton.
22—Rochester at Rochester.
23—Hobart at Geneva.
25—Rochester at Clinton.
31—Union at Clinton.
June 5—Colgate at Clinton.

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THE ANNUAL INTER-CLASS track meet is to be held next Thursday afternoon. This meet is for the college and by the college alone, so that anyone should not hesitate to get out and run for his class, not only for this, but for the college itself. The men who make good in the inter-class meet will to a great extent make up the varsity track team. No one can honestly say that he can not do anything in this line, until he has tried his ability. Many of the best track men in college today, as Freshmen, could do nothing, but by beginning in these class meets and by steady working have won for themselves a reputation on the Hill and are now the wearers of the track "H". We boast of the spirit of this "little college on the Hill." Let us make good our vaunt, and show ourselves loyal Hamilton men by doing our best in this coming meet and thus advance this branch of college athletics.

THIS SEASON THERE HAS reappeared something which we hoped had vanished from our athletics, viz., a nasty spirit of muckerism. Last season certain members of the baseball team saw fit to employ dirty tricks in several

games. At this, visiting teams were justly offended, and because such things were allowed on our own field they went away with a very unsavory idea of Hamilton spirit. On Wednesday two men in particular saw fit to employ tactics which, altho they may be countenanced among professional teams, have no place with amateur college teams. The college body does not approve of such things, but nevertheless, if they are allowed in teams representing us, the college must bear the odium attached to these performances. It would seem that a proper manifestation of the right spirit would stop this disgrace. The college cannot afford to allow such action, as only a little exploitation of these occurrences is enough to "queer" the college. LIFE thinks it voices the sentiment of the student body when it says: Play fair, or don't play.

Dr. Stryker Speaks in Utica.

Dr. Stryker was one of the speakers at the conference and dinner of the Utica Y. M. C. A., held Tuesday evening in the Thorne Memorial Chapel. In the course of a month it is proposed to raise \$175,000 for the erection of a new building. Hon. Merwin K. Hart acted as toastmaster. After a number of speakers, including George E. Dunham '79, he introduced Dr. Stryker, who spoke in part as follows:

"Utica is an eminently respectable city, but a town may magnify its respectability and stability until it becomes inert and frost-bitten. It is a continual fight to keep things from sinking down into stolid indifference. I am here for one thing to learn something about raising money. When you have accomplished your object I would like to have you show me how to raise some. I need it in my business.

"One of the speakers here has said that we need a union station. The Y. M. C. A. is more than a club. It brings young men together under good influences. This institution stands four square: "Y. M. C. A.", Youth, Manhood, Christianity, Activity, is the anagram. Are not these the fun-

damental things for men? What better thing can this town of Utica do than to house well so good a purpose as this Y. M. C. A. stands for? Ask the people of this city if, with all its churches, its charming location, they want to see Utica house its Y. M. C. A. in a shanty. I do not believe there will be any question about the response."

The "Lit." Critique.

At last the April *Lit.* has appeared. It came as a welcome surprise to those who had hinted that owing to the absence from college of Mr. Dounce the *Lit.* was to be discontinued. However, as all true geniuses, Mr. Dounce in spite of his illness has penned a bit of pleasing froth that comprises the head-liner of the issue. The remaining two attractions, MacLean's oration and Woollcott's panoramic moving-picture of the life collegiate, serve well to counterbalance in excellence whatever lack in bulk there may be. It is pleasing to note that tho the existing opinion objects to college stories on the ground that efficient handling of such themes is impossible, nevertheless both bits of fiction in the issue, tho pre-eminently collegiate, are highly successful. Of course the issue suffers somewhat from the absence of the customary fond poems which are so prone to amuse our unappreciative souls; but absence makes the poems grow fonder—at least we hope so.

Dounce gives us his best effort thus far. "The Object of the Game" is almost fascinating. The plot is unique and extremely interesting of itself. He treats it in a rather trite and popular style, leaving out more than he puts in and describing by deft suggestion. Dounce's excellent control of connotative monosyllablics is eminently suited to this method of treatment which, tho easier to read, is not conceded to be quite as artistic as Woollcott's smooth-running fluency. Dounce's skill in conversation also enhances the successfulness of the effort.

McLean's K. P., "Tragedy, the Literature of Conscience," adds dignity to the number. The oration is pro-

found, scholarly and balanced; its style is striking. Anyone who attended the last Clark Prize exhibition can attest to its superb speaking qualities. Such compositions are relics of the old days when the *Lit.* was a scholarly sheet and when the fiction which prevails today was barred as silly; and we should not be loathe to retain such compositions.

The number must have been arranged climactically when we consider that Woolcott's comes last. We don't mean that Woolcott's is the limit; we mean that it is the best. It strikes home with all of us and is beyond a question true to life. Perhaps there may be a charm in it too from the fact that hitherto we have held a Woolcott story without a woman in it, as inconceivable. We might almost venture to suggest that the womanless creation beats Bohemian Swan Songs.

Criticus is also caught with the spirit collegiate and hands us a quaint little frivolously profound soliloquy on "Heroes and Hero Worship," or something like that. The editorials as usual smack of rehashing but mean well. A seeming second proof of the climactical arrangement is the last event of the issue, the *Alumniana*. It is as good as usual and larger than usual, therefore the more enjoyable.

The May issue is the last issue under the present board. What will be the personnel of the new staff we do not know. We sagaciously know who depart: Peck, Barrows and Trippe. As for the names of those who will be added we have no hunch except that we guess that Syracuse will secure a representation; for representation, as you know, should be awarded according to population, and the Salt City, dear reader, is quite a large place.

Death of F. DeW. Smyth '82.

A week ago Friday evening, at his home at 17 Plant street, Utica, N. Y., occurred the death of Frederick De Wolf Smyth of the class of '82. Five days before he was taken ill with pneumonia, but it was not till Thursday that his condition became such as to cause apprehension. His parents, Gen. and

Mrs. Charles H. Smyth, were called from their winter home at Princeton, N. J., and were with him at the last.

Mr. Smyth was at the height of his mental and bodily powers. He was born in Oswego in 1862 and moved to Clinton with his parents when he was fourteen years old, where he attended the Grammar School under Prof. Best, entering Hamilton with the class of 1882. He was a most successful and popular student and was a member of the Sigma Phi Fraternity.

After leaving college he at once entered upon a business career in the Clinton Metallic Paint Company. Thru his energy and business ability, the enterprise became one of the largest of its kind in the East. With his father and other members of the family, Mr. Smyth was one of the principal stockholders in the original suspension bridge at Niagara Falls, which became consolidated with railroad interests some time ago. As a business man Mr. Smyth's success was recognized thruout this section of the State. He was interested in a number of various enterprises in each of which he was remarkably successful.

During the first years of his business career he resided in Clinton, but a few years ago moved to Utica, still pursuing his duties as President of the Clinton Paint Company.

Mr. Smyth did not take an active part in politics. For many years he was a Democrat, his father having been a member of Gen. Tilden's staff, but when the Free Silver issue came up, he gave his support to the Republican party. He was very much interested in public affairs altho he never was a candidate for office. He was fond of sports of various kinds. He was an expert with the rod and gun and in his younger days was quite a noted marksman. He was a member of the Sadaquada and Yanundasis Golf Clubs, also of the Fort Schuyler Club of Utica.

Mr. Smyth was a courteous gentleman. His personality drew many warm friends to him. He took great interest in the affairs of Hamilton College and was a most loyal alumnus. While residing in Clinton he was a member of the Episcopal Church and

upon moving to Utica attended Grace Church.

In September, 1887, Mr. Smyth was married to Gertrude E. Hastings of Clinton, who survives him, with one son, Frederick Hastings Smyth of the Sophomore Class. Besides his father and mother he is also survived by two brothers, Charles Henry Smyth, Jr., professor of Paleontology at Princeton, and Delos DeWolf Smyth of the Smyth-Despard Company of Utica.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock at his late residence. The attendance was very large and the floral offerings were beautiful and profuse. The Rev. Dr. W. W. Bellinger officiated and the honorary bearers were Charles B. Rogers, Dr. F. H. Peck, Dr. C. A. Frost, Edward F. Curran, Hon. James S. Sherman, Francis K. Kernan, Utica; William M. Bristol, Brooklyn, and Edward B. Stanley, Clinton. The funeral party was brought to Clinton by three special cars, interment being made in the Hastings lot in the Clinton cemetery.

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College Notes.

—Edwards, '10, is home, a victim of the mumps.

—Dr. Grove is now preaching regularly in Kirkland.

—Next Wednesday the Varsity plays Hobart at Clinton.

—The preliminary "stab" of 1910 will be held Wednesday.

—Smyth, '09, expects to return to college in the near future.

—The ground is being cleaned up and graded about the Chi Psi Lodge.

—The Interacademic speaking contest will be held in the Chapel on May 11th at 12.

—The following alumni were on the "Hill" this week, Hon. Elihu Root, '64, Baker, '00, Root, '03.

—Willoughby, '09, returned to college Thursday, after a two weeks' absence occasioned by the mumps.

—Prof. Sherman is making an automobile trip from Boston to Utica. He expects to reach Utica tomorrow.

—The tennis team which left yesterday on its trip was composed of the following: Day, '07, captain, Simmons and Watson, '08, Getman and Conklin, '09.

—The anniversary classes which will hold reunions this coming June are '57, '67, '77, '82, '87, '92, '02, '04, '06.

—The Junior debate last Wednesday was so sad a failure that Prof. White gave orders for another appearance.

—The present Senior Class has lost twenty men during its existence, six of whom have returned and entered later classes.

—Cross has taken the lead in the Freshman LIFE competition. The standing to date is as follows: Cross, McMath, Engs, Lloyd.

—The arrangements for Freshman Frolic are progressing rapidly. The event will take place as usual on the evening of K. P., June 5.

—The *Hamiltonian* has reached the binders at last. The editors entertain a slight hope of having their effort before us on May 10th, the day before interscholastic.

—At the preliminary prize speaking trials held last Wednesday the following Sophomores were elected to the final "prize stab": A. S. Evans, Getman, Kneeland, Krumholz, Marriott, A. F. Osborn, Rifensbark and Thomas.

—Tripp '07, who has been confined for the last ten weeks in a Utica hospital, has at last been able to return to Clinton. He is residing for the present at the home of Prof. White. The college is happy to have him back once more.

Hamilton vs. Utica State League.

On Monday an interesting and friendly game was played between the Utica and Hamilton teams, in which the audience was pleasingly diverted by the antic of Sir "Up-up," from whom the bleachers caught up the rhythmic chorus, "Can't get 'em over; can't get 'em over."

The game was not advertised, but there was a good attendance. A brisk wind made trouble for the outfield but did not prevent a snappy, exciting game from the beginning, a game especially praiseworthy considering the changes in the lineup. Capt. Brown changed the box for first, S. Judson going from centre field to third base, J. Judson from third to short, Hatfield

going to centre field and Newton to the box. Newton pitched during the first five innings a steady, well-controlled game. During the last four innings he weakened somewhat and three more men crossed the home plate.

Utica made her first score in the second inning by two mighty swings of Kennedy and Flater. In the fourth Rutherford made first on an error by Cody, and thru a wild throw by Newton and clever base stealing reached home. Swayne in the seventh made home on a hit of McConnell's. McConnell was brought home by Rutherford and Rutherford by wildness of the box and a hit of Kennedy's. Our men got to second base four times but failed to complete the circuit. Hatfield made a titanic rap that sent the ball over to the grand stand but was not backed by equally good batting. Utica treated the game as a lark and enjoyed it thoroly.

UTICA.	AB.	R.	IB.	PO.	A.	E.
Shaw, 3b...	4	0	0	1	1	0
Swayne, rf....	3	0	1	2	0	0
Wallace, cf....	3	1	2	0	0	0
McConnell, 2b.	5	1	1	4	2	0
Rutherford, ss.	4	2	1	2	3	0
Magie, lf.....	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy, 1b...	4	1	2	9	0	1
Stroh, c.....	4	0	1	9	3	0
Flater, p.....	2	0	1	0	2	1
Blanchard, p...	2	0	1	0	0	0
	36	5	10	27	11	2
HAMILTON.	AB.	R.	IB.	PO.	A.	E.
Smith, lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Clark, 2b.....	4	0	0	1	2	0
Cody, rf.....	4	0	1	2	0	1
Brown, 1b.....	4	0	0	15	1	0
S. Judson, 3b..	3	0	0	3	0	0
White, c....	3	0	1	2	1	1
J. Judson, ss..	3	0	0	2	3	1
Hatfield, cf....	3	0	1	1	0	0
Newton, p.....	3	0	0	1	8	2
	30	0	3	27	15	5
Utica.....	0	1	0	1	0	0
Hamilton.....	0	0	0	0	0	0

Bases stolen—Kennedy 2, Clark, Wallace, McConnell, Swayne, Blanchard. Two base hit—Kennedy. Three base hit—Flater. Sacrifice hit—Stroh. First base on errors—Utica 2, Hamilton 2. Left on bases—Utica 12, Hamilton 4. Innings pitched—Flater 5, Blanchard 4, Newton 9. Base hits off each pitcher—Flater 1, Blanchard 2, Newton 10. Struck out—By Flater 2, by Blanchard 3, by Newton 2. Base on balls—Off Blanchard 1, off Newton 5. Hit by pitched ball—Newton 2. Passed ball—White. Time of game—1:30. Umpire—Mr. Durkin.



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